

Sixth annual Minneapolis Youth Violence Prevention Week events begin March 31

March 17, 2016 (MINNEAPOLIS) As part of National Youth Violence Prevention Week April 4-8, the City of Minneapolis is calling attention to the issue of youth violence and how to prevent it in the community. The week is part of a national public education initiative featuring activities and events to raise awareness of youth violence, identify strategies to combat this public health epidemic, and promote the positive roles young people and adults can have in making their communities and schools safer.

This year, the City encourages communities to plan programs to implement in their local areas. These activities align with the Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence.

The activities include:

March 31

- **A Girls Symposium**

Noon-4 p.m., Theodore Wirth Pavilion, 3275 Glenwood Ave.

The Minneapolis Park Board presents a girls symposium to uplift the unique needs of girls and young women in the community. Join girls and young women from across Minneapolis for this day of empowerment and violence prevention.

April 1

- **Bridges to Manhood Conference**

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), 1501 Hennepin Ave.

The City of Minneapolis presents Bridges to Manhood Conference in partnership with the African American Education and Empowerment Program (AME) at MCTC. In line with President Obama's My Brother Keeper Initiative, the Bridges to Manhood

Conference is a free event designed to empower boys and young men ages 14-24. Space is limited; register [here](#). Fathers and uncles are encouraged to bring their sons and nephews. Adults are asked to bring a young man of color.

- **Vision, Power and Wisdom Part I**

5-7 p.m., Shiloh Temple International Ministries, 1201 W. Broadway

Minneapolis MADDADS presents Vision, Power and Wisdom (V.P.W.), opening up the streets with a microphone with the MADDADS outreach unit providing food, music, community bonding and spoken word. This event will foster a sense of peace and fellowship within the community.

April 2

- **Vision, Power and Wisdom Part II**

3-6 p.m., World Wide Outreach for Christ Church, 3808 Chicago Ave.

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- **Sundaes on Saturday**

12:30-3:30 p.m., Impact Living Christian Center, 3620 E. 26th St.

We *IMPACT!* presents an ice cream social and intergenerational conversation around solutions to youth violence in Minneapolis.

Monday, April 4

- **Tubman's Movement for Violence Prevention**

4:30-6 p.m., Tubman Center West, 3111 First Ave. S.

Tubman Center presents a Movement for Violence Prevention. Enjoy pizza, youth art on display and more. Celebrate the power of young people driving positive changes and inspiring conversations to strengthen opportunities to advance the work.

Tuesday, April 5

- **Intergenerational Community Conversation**

5-7 p.m., Emerge Community Development Corporation. Philips Center, 1834 Emerson Ave. N.

Emerge Community Development presents an intergenerational talking circle. Community members will discuss the effect of youth violence on the community and enjoy dinner.

Wednesday, April 6

- **Family Dinner for Peace and Movie Screening**

4:30-8 p.m., Pillsbury United Communities Oak Park Center, 1701 Oak Park Ave. N.

Pillsbury United Communities Oak Park Center presents a family movie, dinner and discussion focusing on ending youth violence.

Thursday, April 7

- **Asian Media Access: Urban Arts Showcase to Combat Violence**

6-8:30 p.m., North High School, 1500 James Ave. N.

Asian Media Access presents Urban Arts Showcase to Combat Violence. This showcase creates a channel to give actual words to the cries of urban young people as they share their talents to open up a violence prevention discussion with the community at large. Winners of the Minneapolis PeaceMaker Bullying and Violence Prevention Essay and Poetry Contest will be announced.

Friday, April 8

- **United Tribes 612**

5-8 p.m., Pillsbury United Communities Waite House, 3401 Chicago Ave.

The Cedar Riverside Youth Workers Collaborative and the Native Youth Workers Circle organized a joint event to celebrate Youth Violence Prevention Week. The event will highlight and celebrate the similarities between the Native American and East African communities and build community through music, food, art, storytelling and basketball. United Tribes 612 centers on young people (sixth-12th grade) and elders, not on politics or differences.

Saturday, April 9

- **3-on-3 basketball tournament**

10 a.m.-6 p.m., Farview Park, 621 N. 29th Ave.

Change Equals Opportunity (C.E.O.) presents a 3-on-3 basketball tournament to celebrate youth violence prevention week. For more information or to register, click [here](#) or call Jamil Jackson at 612-730-3581. Come out for some exciting games of basketball and to get powerful messages about violence prevention.

Other events

Other community partners such as Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Centers are sponsoring citywide youth violence prevention activities. Check with your local park for times and dates. In addition, various schools and community based organizations will air the Emmy award winning “Don’t Believe the Hype” Violence Prevention Series featuring local activists and socially conscious hip-hop artists. The discussion will explore “then vs. now” as it relates to issues of youth violence.

For more information on Minneapolis work to prevent youth violence, visit the [Youth Violence Prevention Week website](#).

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